

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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REMARKS

This response is intended as a complete response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2005. In view of the following discussion, the Applicants believe that all claims are in allowable form.

CLAIM AMENDMENT

Claim 7 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Specifically, the term "and" has been added to the second line of step (b) to correct the grammar of the claim. The Applicants submit that this amendment was made for reasons unrelated to patentability and that no new matter has been added.

RESTRICTION ELECTION

The Applicants elect without traverse the invention of Group I, claims 1-11. Claims 12-17 are withdrawn without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, both further consideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited. If, however, the Examiner believes that any unresolved issues still exist, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Alan Taboada at (732) 935-7100 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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